

PARIS, MAINE, JAN. 1, 1870.

Death of Mr. Stanton.

Another illustrious name is added to the distinguished dead of 1869. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of war, in word and in deed, the man who was as useful to the country in his place, during the war of the rebellion, as was President Lincoln, or Gen. Grant, died on Friday, the 21st ult. He had just been appointed and confirmed as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and his friends throughout the country were rejoicing at his good fortune, when the news of his death is announced.

Mr. Stanton was a strong man, and President Lincoln often bore witness to his fitness for the position he occupied during the entire war. He was an incorruptible patriot, who saw nothing but his country's peril throughout the strife. He acted boldly and defiantly where the circumstances, in his judgment, warranted it, and left his reputation to be vindicated by posterity, and he will not suffer by his confidence in the right. It is of his countrymen trace their misfortunes to his action, he always had the satisfaction of knowing that it was not without due cause. No perfectly loyal man lives to complain that his acts were unwarrantably arbitrary. Such a man, in such a service, could not fail to make many enemies, some of whom will undoubtedly pursue him into the grave, but his defenders cannot injure his reputation. A grateful country will perpetuate it in its archives, alongside of the noble patriots whose names are made immortal in the defence of liberty and right. All honor to the sterling integrity, undiminished bravery and persistent determination of Edwin M. Stanton.

Every union soldier and patriot will claim the right to mourn for this great man.

Farmer's Club-Paris.

The Club met on the Hill, in the brick school house on Thursday evening, Jan. 23d. Mr. James K. Hammond, Vice President, presided, and F. E. Shaw was chosen Secretary. The meeting was an animated one, nearly every one taking part in the discussion, and twenty seven joining the Club.

The question was—Would it be profitable to raise Root Crops, to feed to stock, and if so, what kinds?

Dr. N. T. True, of Bethel, being present, was called upon. He recommended that the discussion be in a conversational style, and consist principally of the experience of those present on the matter under consideration, and this suggestion, being acted on, resulted in a very general talk.

Mr. V. D. Parris said the best root crop for stock would be the most nutritious, and he thought the best was the best; he thought stock liked vegetables in the winter for a change, and they would thrive on them.

Col. Wm. Sweet said he kept cows for their milk, which he sent to Portland. He had tried feeding Ruta Raga Turnips to them—they flavored the milk, and were objectionable—had tried carrots and given them up—thought potatoes the best.

Mr. Parris said that carrots and cabbage impart a flavor to the milk. Pumpkins add to the flesh, rather than to the milk.

Mr. Chipman told a good story—said he had a lot of turnips in his cellar one winter which his wife objected to his feeding to his Cows on account of the flavor. Unbeknown to her he fed them all out, giving about two quarts a day, and when he got through, told her of it.

Gen. Kimball told it easier to raise oats than turnips—his Cows would not eat turnips. He considered corn feed, oats, barley, &c. better than root crops.

Mr. Merrill had experimented with carrots extensively on his stock, and believed them worthless—tried them on a horse—they first fattened and then injured—had heard of horses being spoiled by their use. They produce sores and the hair comes off.

Dr. True suggested that this might be owing to their being freely fed to stock.

Col. Sweet said he had given a cow a bushel of potatoes a day to fat her.

Mr. Perham thought it was not safe to farm by the look entirely; thought that roots were profitable to stock; had fed small potatoes and straw to young stock to advantage. What should be raised to advantage depends upon the soil on a man's farm.

Gen. K. asked which he would feed, with corn at \$1.20 a bushel, and potatoes at 60 cents. Mr. P. said corn.

Dr. True asked in relation to boiled potatoes.

S. D. Hutchinson replied that Hogs would eat one third more raw potatoes than boiled, and not do any better—can taste turnip in milk if only the parings are eaten by a cow—have fed 35 bu. of beets to a cow in the winter, with poor fodder, and she did well, and the milk was better—thinks beets the best, next wheat bran; next corn fodder; next wheat bran and good hay. Could detect the taste of cabbage in the milk when cows are fed on them.

Mr. A. S. Thayer had experimented on boiled potatoes and scalded shorts; could see no difference from raw food; had fed with best success on potatoes raw, with oats; raw potatoes and Indian meal with sour cattle; one half potatoes and oats are as good for horses as all oats; thinks he spoils ten good cows by feeding on carrots; neither does nor turnips are worth any thing for cows.

Col. Sweet said cows could not thrive, for milk, on bran—they may give a large amount, but the milk is poor; mix cotton seed meal with bran, two quarts of it a day. It used to cost, before the war \$20 a ton—has been as high as \$65—is worth now \$12. The English turnip does not affect the milk like the Ruta Baga.

Mr. Parris enquired as to the effect of feeding apples to stock, he had fed cider

apples, and thought stock thrived on it. He raised, about 20 years ago, 300 bushel of winter apples, and only sold a half bushel, for 25 cents.

Dr. True said we might lay down the rule that cattle, like human beings, thrive best on mixed food. It was his experience that boiled potatoes increased the flow of milk better than anything else.

Mr. A. S. Thayer said apples would cure a horse of a cough, heaves, &c; stock like them, as well as potatoes; have known a cow to eat of apples till it couldn't walk; sweet are best.

Gen. Kimball said nothing was better to fat pork on than sweet apples; he gave them freely to his pigs, and no meal. The flavor of the pork is superior.

Mr. Carter confirmed the same.

Mr. Thayer said where pumpkins fail to benefit cows, they will be good if the seeds are removed.

Mr. Shaw enquired if the pumpkin seed had not medicinal properties.

Dr. Brown said they were diuretic and a stimulant to the kidneys. Watermelon seed have a similar quality.

Mr. Thayer said he had steeped pumpkin seed and administered to sick horses for their kidneys and found it beneficial.

Col. Sweet, in answer to an inquiry, said it would not pay to give a milk cow thirty cents worth of potatoes a day; he calculates it costs about eight cents a day to feed his cows.

Upon calling for a vote on the question, it was decided to leave it open for further consideration, till the next meeting here.

It was voted to meet at the Engine Hall, South Paris, on Saturday evening, Jan. 1st at 1-2 past 6.

Topics—the best methods of propagating fruit trees, and the kinds most profitable for cultivation in Oxford County.

—There will be a Convention of the Sunday Schools of Sagadahoc County, in Bath, January 4th and 5th. There must have been some mistake about the Secretary of Oxford County, as no one seems to know who he is. Several Superintendents of schools are desirous of having a Convention in this County, if any one is authorized to call one. We suggest one at South Paris, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 1st and 2d; and if the Superintendents of five schools in the County will write us that they will unite in the call, we will issue one for the above-named days, or at any other time that may be preferred.

JUDGE SHEPLEY'S APPOINTMENT.—The Washington correspondent of the Boston Journal writes that it may be well to state that the appointment of Circuit Judge Shepley was due to the joint influence of Gen. Butler and Speaker Blaine. The President had given Speaker Blaine to understand that he would gratify him by the appointment of Senator Morrill, but when that gentleman declined the position, Mr. Blaine threw his influence for Gen. Shepley, whom Gen. Butler also warmly supported.

WONDERFUL ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.—The Portland Press says the other day Capt. Chase of Jewell's Island, an old gentleman about eighty years of age, started from home for Portland, in his sailboat, accompanied by his grandson, about eighty years old. When half-way the boy tripped in some way, and fell overboard. As quick as could the old gentleman brought the boat round and hoisted the sail, but no signs of the boy could be seen. Luckily he had a long, twelve foot boat hook on board, and when he came to the spot where he thought the boy sunk, he thrust the hook down into the water, and wonderful to relate, at the third thrust it caught in some of the boy's clothing and he was fished out. A man came out from Long Island in a skiff, seeing there was trouble, and the boy was brought to land and after considerable labor, restored to his senses.

We heard a story the other day of a lawyer in Oxford Co., who was awakened during the recent earthquake by the fall of a plate in the pantry, and supposing the dog was the cause of the mischief, gave him a whipping to teach him better manners. His wife arose and supposed the dog the cause of the disaster, and gave him another whipping. It was not till the family heard from the neighbors that an earthquake had shaken their dishes that the poor dog was able to prove his innocence, says the Lewiston Journal.

—Mr. Job Rawson did a kind act on Christmas in taking so many of the little ones into his hack and giving them a sleigh ride, around town. He afforded pleasure to the little ones that they will always remember. Indeed, he has won their good will, many a time, by helping them up the hill. He has their good wishes that he may be helped up the rugged hill of life.

—The first of the year is the time to subscribe for the Democrat. See the Prospects. We had an accession of four hundred and forty-eight subscribers to our list last year, and hope to do still better the present year. We will send the Stock Journal free to all new subscribers, from this date.

—A correspondent of the Lewiston Journal writes that Mr. Thomas Haskell who has been absent from Paris for seventeen years, suddenly made his appearance among his old neighbors last week, who all supposed he had long been dead, his property had been disposed of by his relatives, which circumstance may give rise to some trouble.

—Being satisfied that our former publication day is the best for our subscribers, we shall hereafter publish on Fridays, going to press on Thursday afternoon in season to mail the edition for the train on the G. T. R.

—Another interesting letter from Hon. Jonas Greene, Virginia, has been received, and will appear next week. Several other interesting articles must go over, as the accounts of Christmas Festivals will grow old if not published this week.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS.

Paris Hill.

The Christmas exercises at the 1st Baptist church, on Friday evening, were very entertaining. They were rather of a social nature, a very fine supper being served up in the vestry for the Sabbath School, Society and invited guests. The exercises in the church consisted of select pieces of music by the children, a very pretty and appropriate recitation, entitled "Tribute of Praise," by 16 misses, introductory remarks by the Supt., a song entitled "Christmas Bells," by Mrs. Cook, finely executed, "Willie's and Annie's Prayer," by one of the infant class, and remarks by Mr. Perham, Supt. of the Universalist Sabbath School, and Rev. Mr. Thompson.

The tables in the neat little chapel were abundantly supplied with choice refreshments, and made a very inviting appearance. After a very social and enjoyable season, "Coronation" was sung by the company before adjourning.

The Universalist Society and School met the next evening, at Hon. Sidney Perham's house, where a social time was enjoyed, with literary exercises, and singing.

South Paris.

Christmas eve, was celebrated at both of the churches, by the Sunday School.

The Congregational church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and appropriate mottoes, and when lighted up in the evening, the trees laden with beautiful gifts and sparkling with silver, while overhead were beautiful transparencies illustrative of the occasion, all conspired to render the scene one of great magnificence. The exercises were conducted mainly by the children, and consisted of singing, and appropriate pieces. There was also some fine singing by the choir.

The large audience present manifested their interest in the services of the evening, by their strict attention, and by the quiet that pervaded all parts of the house.

At last, many hearts were made glad, at the distribution of the presents, with which the trees were absolutely overburdened. The Rev. J. B. Wheelwright was made the recipient of a small envelope, containing \$100—while his lady received an order signed by Cummings, the popular furniture dealer, for one fine black walnut extension table. There was also for them, a fine fat turkey, the very "Prince of Gobblers," the latter a present from Chas. M. Morgan, Esq. After the distribution of the presents, the audience separated, wishing that all may have spent as merry a Christmas eve as they had.

The Methodist church was also decorated, and judging from the happy faces, that came from there, the trees were well loaded.

The storm of the past few days, has almost destroyed our sledding, and broken business in some degree—but our citizens, not to be balked, have brought out their wheels, and we may expect our streets soon to be as full as before the storm.

Christmas at West Paris.

Christmas eve festivals were held at West Paris on Friday and Saturday night; by the Universalists on Friday eve, at the school-house, and by the Baptists, and friends generally, at the meeting house on Saturday eve.

There was a fine gathering at the school-house, and the exercises in speaking and singing by the little ones, were very good; after which, the presents from a well loaded tree were distributed, to the satisfaction of all. Some of them were very fine.

At the meeting-house, there were two very tastefully arranged trees, and well loaded with beautiful presents, many of which were very valuable. The exercises for the evening consisted of speaking, declamations, and dialogues, by the Sunday School scholars, which was very creditable, while music was interspersed, during the time by the choir. Mr. George Marshall gave a very good demonstration, in a declamation, of the ambitious and patriotic politicians of the Sausbury and Andy stripes pleading for the Constitution, and pitching into old Ben Butler in the most earnest, if not elegant style. I could not help laughing in my sleeve, to think how humbly they are riding on, or with the Democracy slipping off the tail of the Eagle, while old Ben sits on astride, and either drives, or manages the proud bird.

The house was splendidly lighted, by Mr. E. L. Stevens, Engineer at this place, with an Engine Reflector, and when old Santa Claus entered, and marched across and around the house to the stand, all had a fine view. He was dressed in his usual winter robes, and presented his customary presents, which he did in the very best of his accomplishments, as the perfect sea of upturned faces attested. The old fellow made his famous speech, and then left for the North, thinking it too warm for him here, lustily cheered as he went out of the house. The gathering was very large, and could not have been less than about four hundred present.

Mr. N. L. Marshall, who had charge of the exercises, was in the best of mood, and everything was done with promptness and interest.

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the last year, were beautifully spoken of, and affected the whole audience.

The singing under the charge of Mrs. Paine and Mrs. Rice was excellent. The house was splendidly draped in evergreens, while two Christmas trees, heavily laden with attractive, valuable gifts, graced the occasion. Among the gifts, the popular pastor of the Church, Rev. Saml. Paine and his excellent wife, were generously remembered.

This School now numbers about one hundred and fifty scholars, and during the past year, has been steadily increasing in numbers and interest. It has a large library, with about \$100 in its treasury, with which to add to it. During the past year, its penny collections have amounted in the aggregate to \$77.50—a larger sum, I think than has been collected in a similar way in any other School in the County. It has thirteen classes, including five Bible classes.

On Friday evening a little child of Mr. Bean who resides in Otisfield, was seized with a big dog, when the cur played the child by the throat and shook it, as he would a rat. The dog immediately departed this life, and the child whose throat and chin were badly lacerated, was cared for by Dr. Horr of Oxford.

A little son of Mr. Wm. F. Wardwell of this place, while skating on the mill pond a short time since, broke through the ice, and would inevitably have drowned but for the exertions of two brave young men who, at the risk of their own lives, rescued him.

Dr. Sylvester of Oxford, has lately sold his practice to Dr. J. L. Horr, late of Waterford.

Several new residences have been erected here within the past few months.

The shovel handle factory of Rawson & Chipman is in full operation, and a large quantity of ash has been hauled in to be worked up at the mill.

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awake trader, and Mr. Kimball Martin, and all who partook in the various exercises, did themselves much credit. Your correspondent was happily disappointed, it being much better than he expected.

The exercises at the Centre, were very similar to those at the Corner, as we learn by those who were there; we were not able to go. A very large number were present. The entertainment took place Saturday eve.

CORNER.

Dirfield Items.

Mr. Editor: I wrote an article for your columns, two weeks ago; but being received too late for publication, only an extract was published from it.

Our literary society, devoted to moral reform and intellectual improvement, is flourishing finely. The exercises consist of lectures, extemporaneous remarks, declamations and papers. Those who started in these meetings last March, and have been tenacious in keeping them up, feel that great good has been accomplished already, yet they feel that there is work to do. Every village and school district, should organize a Lyceum or literary Club of some kind, that would take the attention of the young folks—something that is moralizing and elevating in its influences.

Christmas passed off very pleasantly with us. There was a family gathering at Chas. T. Chase's, of the Frask family, where they had a Christmas tree. There was also a family tree at Henry F. Howard's. The children, however, got up an entertainment at the school-house, where they had a Christmas tree, and exercises consisting of plays, declamations, and tableaux, which brought out a crowded house. The entertainment was well conducted, Masters Willie Kidder and Alvan Bolster, doing great credit to themselves. After the exercises were over, Mr. Howard arose and expressed his thanks to the young folks, who had so highly entertained them through the evening. A vote of hearty thanks was extended by the audience, after which a proposition was made to take up a contribution, to purchase a treat for those who had so highly entertained the audience. Dr. Bartlett was then invited by young America to distribute the gifts from the tree, where Santa Claus had been liberal in his gift. The gifts upon the tree being disposed of, two baskets of sweet-meats were handed to the young folks, by Dr. Bartlett, who hoped they would enter into the discussion of them as earnestly as they had the exercises of the evening. The entertainment being through, and many young hearts made glad—the people went home feeling that they had been very highly entertained.

Hiram.

The Christmas festival at this place passed off with great satisfaction, at the Union Church. There were three trees, well laden with beautiful gifts. Remarks were made by N. K. Mayberry, Esq., A. K. P. Goggin, and Elder Hart.

Heron.

Christmas was celebrated at the Chapel by tableaux, singing, and other exercises. There were two trees well laden with fruit for the children, besides two lines. All seemed to enjoy the occasion.

Sumner.

We had a very pleasant and profitable institute on Saturday, Dec. 25th. Every teacher in town but two were present, and were in earnest to receive such new hints as might be of service in the school room. The Superintendent School Committee seem to be alive to the interests of their school. Through their influence, this town was better represented at Norway County Institute than any other town. We think our schools are now reaping a rich reward. Not only the Committee and teachers, but many of the citizens manifested a lively interest by being present at the Institute during the day, and all were satisfied that the Supervisor is a man of practical and original ideas on the subject of teaching, and is doing a good work for our schools.

The Christmas festival at Jackson village on Friday evening, was a grand success. The Christmas trees were freighted with rich presents, and all seemed delighted.

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Bethel Items.

Mr. Editor: Your correspondent from Mexico, who styles himself "Uncle Niles," politely invites C., to answer the following questions through the columns of the Democrat:—Whose wife made fifty pounds of butter and seventy of cheese in the month of November, from two cows—what kind of cows they are, how he feeds, etc. I shall be very happy to answer the above question and will do so, to the best of my ability. In regard to the cows, they are of the native breed, dark red, and their girls is about six feet; they possess a beauty and gracefulness of form that will please the eye of any sculptor. The last of September I commenced to feed on squash and pumpkins—a variety which does not grow so large as the old fashioned pumpkin, but which are of a much superior quality; they are very yellow and rich, and are considered by my better-half as being quite equal to the squash itself for making pies. The first of November I added to this feed, three quarts of corn meal, to each day's feed per cow; I pursued this course up to the present time, and am prepared to say that I not only got more milk but a better quality. I think the feed on which a cow is kept, has a marked influence not only on the quality and quantity of the butter she will yield, but on the time in churning. It shorts and corn meal be given to the cow in connection with potatoes or pumpkins, the cream will be of better quality, and will be more easily churned than that made from potatoes and hay alone. I remember, when I was a wayward boy, of hearing Dea. Elijah Bartlett say to one of his brother farmers, who was one day complaining because his crop of potatoes did not come in as well as his neighbor C.'s—on being asked how he planted them, said he put them on a piece of ground where oats were raised the year before, with no dressing. Ah! said the Deacon, with a hearty chuckle, potatoes are not fools. Sure enough, the same may be said in regard to cows. It is a fact that the influence of poor keeping, on the quality of milk, is a question not very well understood or appreciated by the majority of farmers. Our friend wishes to know if I will sell, at what price, and whether the praise is due to the cows or my wife. I will say, much credit is due to both. I think, my friend, that there is the expression of the wise desire in the words of the old familiar song,

"A good cow well filled,
A little farm well tilled,"

And that very necessary adjunct to both these

"A little wife well willed,
Give me give me!"

Now, Mr. Editor, I believe we have but a few farmers who can tell how much it costs to make a quart of milk, a pound of butter or beef, and how much of it is labor? Or what is the difference in the cost of beef, grass-fed or stall-fed? or how much they can afford to pay for manures in different localities, and for what crops? As regards the cows, they both were raised on my farm; the oldest one now being seventeen years, blight and hearty, and gives now ten quarts of milk per day. We do not wish to sell this year, having refused one hundred dollars a piece for them several times.

The 1st Congregational society are about to put a pipe organ into their church. The organ they propose to purchase, will cost about thirty hundred dollars. We hope soon to hear the organ notes swell, where now is heard the trembling keys of the melodeon.

Stephen B. Foster & Co., formerly of the firm of Foster & Godwin, have filled up the store on Church Street, lately vacated by Dr. G. R. Wiley, druggist, with a splendid assortment

